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**53A-15-1703 Concurrent enrollment program.**

- (1) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall establish and maintain a concurrent enrollment program that:
  - (a) provides an eligible student the opportunity to enroll in a course that allows the eligible student to earn credit concurrently:
    - (i) toward high school graduation; and
    - (ii) at an institution of higher education;
  - (b) includes only courses that:
    - (i) lead to a degree or certificate offered by an institution of higher education; and
    - (ii) are one of the following:
      - (A) general education courses;
      - (B) career and technical education courses;
      - (C) pre-major college level courses; or
      - (D) foreign language concurrent enrollment courses described in Section 53A-15-1708; and
  - (c) is designed and implemented to take full advantage of the most current available education technology.
- (2) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall coordinate:
  - (a) to establish a concurrent enrollment course approval process that ensures:
    - (i) credit awarded for concurrent enrollment is consistent and transferable to all institutions of higher education; and
    - (ii) learning outcomes for concurrent enrollment courses align with:
      - (A) core standards for Utah public schools adopted by the State Board of Education; and
      - (B) except for foreign language concurrent enrollment courses described in Section 53A-15-1708, institution of higher education lower division courses numbered at or above the 1000 level; and
  - (b) advising to eligible students, including:
    - (i) providing information on general education requirements at institutions of higher education; and
    - (ii) choosing concurrent enrollment courses to avoid duplication or excess credit hours.
- (3) The State Board of Regents shall provide guidelines to an institution of higher education for establishing qualifying academic criteria for an eligible student to enroll in a concurrent enrollment course.
- (4) To qualify for funds under Section 53A-15-1707, an LEA and an institution of higher education shall:
  - (a) enter into a contract, in accordance with Section 53A-15-1704, to provide one or more concurrent enrollment courses that are approved under the course approval process described in Subsection (2);
  - (b) ensure that an instructor who teaches a concurrent enrollment course is an eligible instructor;
  - (c) establish qualifying academic criteria for an eligible student to enroll in a concurrent enrollment course, in accordance with the guidelines described in Subsection (3);
  - (d) ensure that a student who enrolls in a concurrent enrollment course is an eligible student; and
  - (e) coordinate advising to eligible students.
- (5) An LEA and an institution of higher education may qualify a grade 9 or grade 10 student to enroll in a current enrollment course by exception, including a student who otherwise qualifies to take a foreign language concurrent enrollment course described in Section 53A-15-1708.

- (6) An institution of higher education shall accept credits earned by a student who completes a concurrent enrollment course on the same basis as credits earned by a full-time or part-time student enrolled at the institution of higher education.
- (7) An institution of higher education shall require an eligible instructor to submit to a background check and ongoing monitoring, as described in Section 53A-15-1503, in the same manner as a non-licensed employee of an LEA, if the eligible instructor:
  - (a) teaches a concurrent enrollment course in a high school; and
  - (b) is not licensed by the State Board of Education under Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional Practices Act.

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